

ELKO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER
News Release

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Lightning Fires, Update #1

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LIGHTNING BRINGS NEW FIRE STARTS IN ELKO COUNTY

Elko, Nevada – Eight new wildfires in Elko County, three still burning.

Firefighters in Elko County had a busy day Monday responding to eight fires which resulted from a fast moving lightning storm. Three fires are still active.

The Pequop Fire has burned approximately 600 acres near the Wells Conservation Camp on the north side of I-80.

The French Fire is about 150 acres and the Mustang Fire is approximately 100 acres. Both the French and Mustang fires are burning in the far northeastern corner of the state near the tri-corner of Idaho, Utah, and Nevada. The Pequop, French, and Mustang Fires are expected to be contained by tonight.

Five smaller fires ranging from a couple trees to four acres were put out in the northeast portion of Elko County.

“It was fairly hectic yesterday responding to the numerous fire starts as they were scattered over such a large area,” said Elko Interagency Dispatch Center Manager Bill Roach. “We’re in Red Flag conditions again today for high winds and no moisture in the foreseeable future. We’re just now coming into what has traditionally been the worst part of fire season – mid August. If ever there was a time for people to be careful with the actions outdoors – it’s now.”

To report wild fires, people should call 775-748-4000, 775-738-**FIRE**, or **911**.

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